

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 777

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor Ashley Hesseldahl-Harbin upon her exemplary service to Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson and the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those invaluable legislative employees who have performed with unwavering devotion and enthusiasm throughout their tenure with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Hesseldahl-Harbin, former Executive Assistant for Policy and Research under Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson, is one such estimable professional, who rendered sterling service from the commencement of her employment by the Senate in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hesseldahl-Harbin was an integral member of Leader Johnson's team, advising on policy, drafting talking points and bill summaries, and working closely with Senate members on bills throughout the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, she was the first point of contact for Senate members regarding administration bills and worked closely with members on those bills that they carried for Leader Johnson; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Hesseldahl-Harbin also acted as the principal point of contact in the Senate for the Governor's signature criminal justice reform bills in 2021; without her hard work, dedication, long hours, and negotiation of countless amendment drafts, that legislation would likely not have passed; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hesseldahl-Harbin received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 2012; she earned her Doctor of Jurisprudence from Charleston School of Law in Charleston, South Carolina, in 2014,

thereafter attending the University of Tennessee College of Law's Legal Clinic as a student attorney; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, she came on board with the General Assembly to work as a Senate Bill Clerk, taking her leave of that position to serve as Director of Finance for the Tennessee Republican Party; and

WHEREAS, during her distinguished service with the Senate as the Executive Assistant for Policy and Research, Ms. Hesseldahl-Harbin not only excelled in her job responsibilities, she was a social butterfly who was beloved by members, staff, and lobbyists alike; and

WHEREAS, though she has moved on to work in the private sector, she and her former colleagues are most grateful that her new role will require her to spend time in the hallowed halls of the Cordell Hull Building; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Hesseldahl-Harbin demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of her colleagues and the members of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ashley Hesseldahl-Harbin for her exemplary service to Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson and the Tennessee General Assembly and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.